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SUBJECT: URGENT REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFO ON DECISION BY HOUSE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ON FAST BREEDER DEVELOPMENT

1. EMBASSY WAS ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND ANY STATEMENTS MADE DURING VOTE BY HOUSE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO CONTINUE DEVELOPMENT OF FAST BREEDER REACTOR IN THE US. EMBASSY CONTACT, A SENIOR OFFICIAL IN THE FEDERAL MINISTRY FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY (BMFT), ASKED FOR DETAILS URGENTLY IN VIEW OF RECENT DECISION BY THE FRG TO FREEZE LMFBR FUNDS UNTIL A THOROUGH EVALUATION PROGRAM HAS BEEN CONDUCTED (SEPTEL). EMBASSY PROMISED TO PASS AVAILABLE INFO ASAP.

2. ON MAY 12 BEGINNING 7 A.M., GERMAN RADIO STATIONS CARRIED THE FOLLOWING NEWS ITEM WHICH PROMPTED BMFT REQUEST:

(BEGIN INFORMAL TRANSLATION): A COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OPPOSED PRESIDENT CARTER'S PLANS TO COMPLETELY HALT THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
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FAST BREEDER REACTORS IN THE US. THE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UNANIMOUSLY ASKED FOR A CONTINUATION OF THE REACTOR PROJECT. CARTER HAD EXPLAINED HIS DECISION BY POINTING AT THE FACT THAT BREEDER REACTORS PRODUCE PLUTONIUM WHICH MIGHT BE USED FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS. SUPPORTERS OF THE FAST BREEDER HAD COUNTERED THAT BECAUSE OF THE

SCARCE URANIUM RESOURCES NEW NUCLEAR FUEL HAD TO BE  
PROVIDED. FURTHERMORE, EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND JAPAN  
WERE CONTINUING THEIR FAST BREEDER PROGRAM REGARDLESS  
OF THE AMERICAN POSITION. END INFORMAL TRANSLATION.

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